

## **Purpose**

This environmental policy statement supports a department wide environmental ethic that establishes a responsibility for sound environmental planning, design, construction and maintenance activities.

## **Policy**

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) promotes a transportation system that is environmentally responsible, committed to the protection and preservation of Utah's unique and diverse environment, and carries out this commitment in meeting the transportation needs. UDOT regards both the natural and human environments as important components of the health and well being of society.

The intent of the environmental policy statement shall be met in all operations by observance of the following guidance:

- Promote a proactive "Highway Decision Making Process" that complies with applicable federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations throughout program development, project development, construction and maintenance operations.
- Implement early coordination with all stakeholders and provide effective public involvement throughout the highway decision making process
- Develop environmental processes that are clear, efficient and easy to understand
- Prepare appropriate environmental analysis and documentation for construction and maintenance activities and establish appropriate mitigation measures in all operations
- Obtain and implement applicable permits from resource agencies and regulators during the project development phase
- Proactively pursue mitigative actions in consequence of regulatory violations and report regulatory violations to appropriate resource agency or regulator
- Create Memorandum(s) Of Understanding or programmatic agreements to enhance cooperative relationships with resource agencies
- Require encroachment permittees to certify that they have complied with all applicable environmental laws